

liability solely because the piece of equipment was over the width that would apply otherwise.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 133 advances. LB 275.

CLERK: 275, Mr. President, was offered by Senators Landis, Coordsen and Hall. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14 of this year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, LB 275 was brought to the Business and Labor Committee by the Department of Labor. It would have been a committee bill, but we were running into a time problem in getting enough signatures on it, and getting it to the Clerk so we could have the bills heard at our first meeting with the seven day notice requirement. What LB 275 does is it adds a new subsection. It allows an employer to revive their unemployment expense account which is terminated due to inactivity for one year. So, what the bill does is if an employer wishes, and if the employer requests in writing from the department that they would like to have their experience account reinstated, they may do so. At present once the...currently in law if the experience account lapses for a year, for example if an employer no longer employs anyone they become the...the single or the only employee that they have, they have no experience rating, terms of unemployment insurance, that account lapses. If they were to pick that up after a year's period, or any given time, they would have to start from square one again. This allows, this bill allows the employer to pick up a good rating, to reinstate that. The only requirement is that it be done within a two year time frame, that it be in writing to the department, and that the employer be engaged in specifically or generally the same form of business as they were at the time that the account lapsed. With that, I would urge the body to pass LB 275 on to Select File.